

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

February 7, 2011

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:35 am on the above date in the auditorium of the Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING

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STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Ms Leasca called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF JANUARY 24, 2010

On motion of Ms Rosa, and seconded by Ms Twardowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of January 24, 2011

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ms Leasca reminded the Board of the APRN conference schedule on February 9 from 1-3pm in the Health Auditorium. If inclement weather requires cancellation, Pam will email the Board ahead of time.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

Ms McCue gave an update to the board regarding the data integrity project that department staff has been involved in and is funded by NCSBN. The goal of the project is to “fix” any data elements that were entered in error regarding RI nurse licensees. The project began in May 2010 and it is 82% complete. Ms McCue informed the board that she requested additional funding from NCSBN for an additional 3-4 months of work.. It is estimated that is will be enough time to “fix” all that can be fixed. It is anticipated that there will still be some data elements that will continue to be missing/not fixed for inactive licensees because the Board may not have required this information in the past i.e. social security numbers.

Ms McCue informed the Board that nomination packets are out from RISNA regarding the RISNA awards. Ms McCue will email the packets to the Board members if they are interested in nominating someone

Ms McCue also informed the Board that the public hearing on the Proposed Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs will be held sometime in March. No exact date has been confirmed.

6. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

7. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms Ricciarelli, Executive Director for the Center of Health Professions, reported to the Board that approximately 1600 students enrolled in the common orientation for hospitals. This common orientation is one of the features of the clinical placement registry which all hospitals and schools are participating. This has proven to be an efficient and productive tool in providing a common orientation for students that is required before clinical education can take place. The clinical registry has also proven to identify issues that would never have been found. An example given was a faculty member working for a three different hospitals and scheduled for clinical teaching 14 days in a row. This certainly raised safety concerns regarding the ability to provide students with a quality and safe educational experience. This was addressed and rectified.

8. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Rose, seconded by Ms. Young, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:02am.

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 11:20 pm.

10. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms Matteson, seconded by Ms Rose, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

11. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Helena Giko, RN- Reprimand license with requirement for continuing education

The following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct

NPP10-117

RN11-007

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Rosa, seconded by Ms Twardowski, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN